CLAIMS

1   1. In a data processing system including a legacy data base management system having a

2   command language coupled to a publically accessible digital data communication network,

3   the improvement comprising:

4   a. a user terminal coupled to said legacy data base management system via said

5   publically accessible digital data communication network; and

6   b. an input definition facility which defines the input coming into an XML service and

7   can load a sample XML document for said XML service to said legacy data base

8   management system for honoring.

    2. The improvement according to claim 1 wherein said XML service further comprises a

    plurality of variables.

1   3. The improvement according to claim 2 wherein said XML service further comprises a

2   plurality of tables.

1   4. The improvement according to claim 3 wherein said XML service further comprises

2   executable script.

1   5. The improvement according to claim 4 wherein said publically accessible digital data

2   communication network further comprises the Internet.

1   6. An apparatus comprising:

2   a. a publically accessible digital data communication network;

3   b. a data base management system having an internal format different from XML

4   responsively coupled to said publically accessible digital data communication

5   network;

6   c. a facility which generates an input service; and

7   d. a converter which translates said input service into said internal format and

8   presents said translated input service to said data base management system.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said input service further comprises an XML input

service.

1   8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said XML input service further comprises a plurality

2   of variables.

1   9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said facility further comprises a plurality of sample

2   XML messages.

1   10.   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said publically accessible digital data

2   communication system further comprises the Internet.

1   11. A method of supplying an input service to a legacy data base management system

2   having an internal format comprising:

3   a.   retrieving a sample document from a repository of said legacy data base

4   management system;

5   b.   editing said document into a desired input service;

6   c.   converting said desired input service into said internal format; and

7   presenting said converted desired input service to said legacy data base

8   management system for honoring.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein said sample document further comprises an

XML document.

1   13. A method according to claim 12 wherein said XML document further comprises a

2   plurality of variables..

1   14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said XML document further comprises a

2   plurality of tables.

1   15. A method according to claim 14 wherein said XML document further comprises

2   executable script.

1   16. An apparatus comprising:

2   a. means for storing a sample input service;

1   b. means responsively coupled to said storing means for retrieving said sample input

2   service;

3   c. means responsively coupled to said retrieving means for editing said sample input

4   service into a desired input service;

5   d. means for providing legacy data processing management services; and

6   e. means responsively coupled to said editing means and said providing means for

7   transferring said desired input from said editing means to said providing means.

1   17. An apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said storing means further comprises a

2   repository.

1   18. An apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said sample input service further comprises

2   an XML input service.

1   19. An apparatus according to claim 18 wherein said XML input service further comprises a

2   plurality of variables.

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1   20. An apparatus according to claim 19 wherein said XML input service further comprises

2   a plurality of tables.